

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0558

**Title:** Revise terms of nonresident temporary-snowmobile-use fees

**Primary Sponsor:** Brown, D

**Status:** As Amended in Senate Committee

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY 2004 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2005 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
State Special Revenue	\$181,500	\$185,000
<b>Revenue:</b>		
State Special Revenue	\$192,802	\$196,677
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Current law requires only those nonresidents with snowmobiles not registered in another state to purchase a temporary snowmobile use permit while snowmobiling in Montana for less than 30 days. This bill requires all nonresidents to purchase an annual temporary snowmobile use permit for \$15.
2. Based on similar numbers of nonresident temporary snowmobile use permits sold in neighboring states, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks projects that 12,500 will be sold in FY 2004 and 12,750 (a 2% annual increase) in FY 2005.
3. The \$16 permit fee collected will be distributed as follows: \$12.50 Parks Division; \$1.50 Enforcement Division; \$0.50 to Search and Rescue; and \$1.50 to the license agent.
4. The Parks Division revenue of \$156,250 in FY 2004 and \$159,375 in FY 2005 will be spent for trail grooming expenses to benefit the clubs and in grants awarded to the clubs. (FY2004 = 12,500 x \$12.50 = \$156,250; FY2005 = 12,750 x \$12.50 = \$159,375)
5. The Law Enforcement Division revenue will be spent as specified in the bill at the initial rate of \$6,500 per year for snowmobile enforcement purposes and the remainder will be in fund balance. (FY2004 = 12,500 x \$1.50 = \$18,750; FY05 = 12,750 x \$1.50 = \$19,125)
6. License agents will receive a commission of \$1.50 for each license sold. (FY04 = \$1.50 X 12,500 = \$18,750; FY05 = \$1.50 X 12,750 = \$19,125)

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7. The current \$6 nonresident temporary use permit will be discontinued and the revenue from their sale will be lost. In FY 2002, FWP sold 158 permits. (158 X \$6 = \$948)

FISCAL IMPACT:

<b>Department of fish, Wildlife and Parks</b>	<b>FY 2004 <u>Difference</u></b>	<b>FY 2005 <u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Parks Division</b>		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$18,750	\$19,125
Grants	<u>156,250</u>	<u>159,375</u>
TOTAL	\$175,000	\$178,500
<b>Enforcement Division</b>		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$6,500	\$6,500
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$181,500	\$185,000
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$192,802	\$196,677
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$11,302	\$11,677